

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
Leavenworth, Kansas

October 16, 1959

Record Clerk  
Federal Correctional Institution  
Danbury, Connecticut

IN RE:

Your # Unknown Name John Caesar Grossi  
Our # 69642-L Name John Caesar Grossi

Dear Sir:

As requested in ~~your letter of~~ Bureau mail of October 12, 1959

we are forwarding to you enclosed our file of subject.

Copy of this letter is being sent to the Chief Medical Officer of this Institution, who will forward the Hospital File of subject to your Chief Medical officer.

Respectfully,

CARL F. ZARTER  
Administrative Assistant  
Classification & Parole

CFZ:a  
Encl.

NOTE: Also enclosed is original Commitment, on the back of which you will find certificate showing that subject had 414 days remaining to be served at the time of his release.

MAIL TO LEAVENWORTH

*John Caesar Grossi*  
*#69642-L*  
*CR-12-18-55*

OCTOBER 12, 1959

GEORGE M. GLASSER  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL  
ROCHESTER NEW YORK

DANBURY DESIGNATED FOR JOHN CAESER GROSSI, CR VIOLATOR.

LEXINGTON FOR [REDACTED] IF CERTIFIED ADDICT;

OTHERWISE CHILLICOTHE.

JAMES V BENNETT  
DIRECTOR

REG hd  
CC: CT

L-Pls transfer records on Grossi 69642

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*# Mr A*  
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*Henry Mank*  
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*2/18/2016 Information*  
*added per FOIA (b)(6). AOK-Paul*

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS.  
ADMISSION SUMMARY

Committed Name **GROSSI, John Caesar**

Reg. No. **67642-L**

Classified

**4-1-53**

True Name **John Caesar Grossi**  
Date of Birth **August 5, 1928**  
Age **24**  
Race **White**  
Country of Birth **U.S.**  
Citizenship **U.S.**  
Marital Status **Divorced**  
Legal Residence **Dallas, Texas**

Judicial District **ND: Tex. Dallas Case #13225 & 13301**  
Offense **Nat'l Stolen Property Act & NMVTA**  
Sentence **4 Yrs.** Comm. Fine **None** Probation **None**  
Sentence begins **2-5-53**  
Committed **2-28-53**  
Eligible for Parole **6-4-54**  
Conditional Release Date **3-5-56**  
Expires Full Term **2-4-57**  
Detainers **Sheriff, DeLand, Fla. - Ferg**

**Judge: T. Whitfield Davidson**

REPORTS REC'D FROM: F. B. I. **3 967 794**

U. S. ATTY. **Yes**

PROSECUTING AGENCY

**Yes**

1. PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD:

Date	Place	Offense	Disposition	SOURCE
3-11-43	Patorson, N.J.	Stealing	Indet Sent. St Home for Boys, Jamesburg, N.J. #16056. 8-16-43 ESCAPED. 8-19-43 App. 3-23-44 ESCAPED and never ret'd. 5-2-46 Dropped from books while on escape.	
3-30-44	Savannah, Ga.	Wear Uniform of the US Navy & STSA	Dism	FBIASHWNT FBI
7-6-44	New Orleans, La.	Juv. Del	7 Days	FBI
2-2-45	Shreveport, La.	Inv	Rel	FBI
2-14-46	Chicago, Ill	Imp. Gov't Off.	2 Yrs, USP, TH. #4007. 1-15-47 Par.	FBI FILES
7-29-49	Mpls, Minn	NMFTA	3 Yrs, FR, El Reno, Okla. #16609. 11-18-51 CR.	FBI FILES
10-28-52	Dallas, Tex.	NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT & NMFTA (CURRENT OFFENSE)	2-2-Yrs, Consec - TOTAL 4 Yrs	

OFFENSES

1-Stealing  
1-Wear Uniform of the US Navy & STSA  
1-Juv. Del  
1-Inv  
1-Imp. Gov't Off.  
1-NMFTA  
6-TOTAL

SUMMARY

ESCAPES  
2-State

DISPOSITIONS

1-Red Pen  
1-Red Ref  
1-Boys Home  
1-Jail  
1-Dism  
1-Rel  
6-TOTAL

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69642-1 April 1, 1953

CURRENT OFFENSE: Grossi was sentenced in the U. S. District Court at Dallas, Texas, February 5, 1953, to serve four years for violation of the National Stolen Property Act and violation of the NMVTA. The record indicates that Grossi stole an automobile in August of 1952, in Lubbock, Texas, which car was the property of one Charles C. Bishop. Mr. Bishop's identification papers were in the car and among other things some legal blank checks of the First National Bank, McDonald, Pennsylvania. Grossi traveled over the country in the stolen car and started writing checks using Mr. Bishop's checks and forging his name. He traveled thru many states and was finally apprehended in Dallas, Texas.

Grossi stated that he entered a plea of guilty and was guilty as charged. He said he stole the car because he wanted to travel but had no particular destination in mind and decided to use the blank checks which were available in order to gain money to finance his travels.

Grossi is beginning his fourth institutional sentence. He was committed to the state home for boys at Jamesburg, New Jersey, in 1943 on an indeterminate sentence for juvenile delinquency. He made fair progress there but had two escapes. He escaped in 1943 but was returned two days later and escaped again in March of 1944 and was never returned to the institution. He maintained a clear conduct at Terre Haute after being committed in 1946 to serve two years for impersonation of a government officer. He was paroled in January of 1947 and was committed to El Reno in 1949 to serve a three year sentence for violation of the NMVTA. His adjustment at El Reno was very satisfactory and his conduct record was clear. His overall institutional adjustment appears satisfactory. There is a detainer on file by the sheriff of Volusia County, Florida, for forgery.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

John C. Grossi		Fa.	Unknown.
Rose War Cali	13	Mo.	141 Willow St., E. Paterson, N.J.
Joseph Cali	13	Sfa.	" "
Albert C. Grossi	13	Bro.	Unknown.
Mrs. Jeanne Grossi Engold	13	Sis.	"
[REDACTED]	13	Xwi.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	3	Son	" "
[REDACTED]		Xwi.	[REDACTED]
Mrs. B. G. Kossey	13	WIL	47 10 Woods St., Phillips, Texas.
Mr. Harold K. Vanduren	6	Fr.	55 1710 Jackson St., Dallas, Texas.
Mr. L. F. Petersen	13	Fr.	60 7056 Coronado St., Dallas, Texas.
Mr. R. H. Schaff		Fr.	48 Box 176, El Reno, Oklahoma.
[REDACTED]		Fr.	[REDACTED]
Mr. C. I. Blackwood		Fr.	58 1015 N. Wacker, Oklahoma City, Okla.
[REDACTED]	6	Fr.	[REDACTED]

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Grossi's father was a native American born in Paterson, New Jersey, separated from the mother when Grossi was approximately three years of age. They were later divorced and the present whereabouts of the father is unknown. He states that his father was a commercial artist and has been arrested on a number of occasions for passing worthless checks, drunkenness and non support. There is very little other information in our files on the father. His mother was born in Paterson, New Jersey, and is being supported by her second husband. He states that the relationships with his mother have not been good and he does not desire to have any contact with her while he is at the institution.

Grossi states that he has one brother and one sister, both older than he and that addresses are unknown. He says that they both have been in difficulty with the law and he has had little or no contact with them in recent years.

Grossi was born August 5, 1928, at Paterson, New Jersey, to native American parents. In so far as he can remember, Grossi claims fair health as a child states that he lived in the home with his mother during his early life. He says that he began school at the age of seven and made normal progress completing approximately nine grades. The record indicates that during these early years, Grossi was alert and aggressive and was beyond the control of his mother. At approximately the age of 12, he had been placed in various foster homes and by 1943, he had failed to adjust in at least 5 different foster homes. During these years, Grossi had attended various public schools in Paterson and had held several minor jobs such as newspaper carrier, milkman helper, and bakery truck helper. On one occasion, he took a battery valued at \$20.00 from one foster father and embezzled \$12.00 received from selling newspapers. He was quite frequently truant from school and in 1943, when he was approximately 15, he ran away from one of his foster homes. In March of 1943, Grossi was committed to the state home for boys in Jamesburg, New Jersey to serve an indeterminate sentence for juvenile delinquency (stealing). His progress was fair while at the institution but he escaped in August of 1943 and was apprehended three days later in Pennsylvania and was returned to the institution. He escaped for the second time in March of 1944 and never returned to the institution. However, he was considered trustworthy acting as a junior night watch man for a period of time and received satisfactory work reports working in the creamery. Following his escape, Grossi went to Savannah, Georgia where he was arrested for wearing the uniform of the United States Navy but the charge was dismissed. He was next heard of in New Orleans where he was arrested by the U. S. Marshal and was given seven days on a charge of impersonation. Our records indicate that Grossi migrated to Miami in December of 1944 and then returned to Shreveport, Louisiana where he was arrested in February of 1945 for investigation but was released outright. Apparently he then went to Chicago where he was arrested in 1946 on a forgery charge and was removed by the U. S. Marshal to Detroit on a charge of impersonation. A two year sentence was imposed upon him and he was committed to the USP, Terre Haute, Indiana. Following admission, Grossi was assigned to the educational department as a teacher in the art classes and was described as being dependable and received satisfactory work reports. His conduct was clear and his overall institutional adjustment was satisfactory prior to his parole in January of 1947. Grossi states that following his release from Terre Haute, he obtained work as a free lance cartoonist. He states that he continued in this occupation for approximately two years but we have no verification on this employment. Grossi was next arrested in Indianapolis in July of 1949 for investigation of violation of the Dyer Act and was turned over to the U. S. Marshal at St. Paul where he was held in jail until removal to Dallas, Texas in September of 1949 when he received a three year sentence for violation of the Dyer Act and was committed to El Reno in October of the same year. Grossi was assigned as editor of the inmate's publication at El Reno and his work was outstanding and he received meritorious good time and pay. He had clear conduct during the 25 months of his incarceration and his overall institutional

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adjustment was considered very good. Shortly after being released from El Reno in November of 1951, Grossi obtained employment with the Wally of Hollywood Studios, in Dallas, Texas, as a photographer. He states that he remained on this job for several months and quit for better opportunity with the E. S. McGoldrick Studios in Dallas where he worked as a photographer for a short period of time. We have received no employment verification as of to date. Grossi states that during the middle of 1952, he began to have marital difficulties, quit working, and decided to travel. He stole a car in Lubbock, Texas and in the car was found personal papers and blank checks which was the property Charles Bishop. Grossi states that he drove the car thru various states and used the blank checks to finance his escapades by forgery. He states that he had no particular destination in mind but just wanted to run away from every thing. At present there is a detainer on file by the sheriff of Volusia, Deland County, Florida, for forgery. He lists his social security number as 436-36-3973.

Grossi is divorced. Grossi's wife states that they were married [redacted] at [redacted]. Our records indicate that a divorce was granted [redacted] at [redacted]. The wife states that the relationship was not a happy one and that Grossi was good to her and their son when things went his way but when they went contrary to his desires, he often had temper tantrums. She states that she is a secretary and nurses' aid, is working and at present is remarried and does not care to have further contact with Grossi. The wife states that she was given custody of their son, [redacted], age [redacted].

MILITARY SERVICE: Grossi states that he has had no military service but he is registered with the local board #8 in Dallas, Texas.

RESOURCES AND PLANS: Grossi has been a frequent offender with a delinquency dating back to early adolescence. Early in life he experienced a broken home and subsequently was tried in various foster homes but failed to make a proper adjustment. He has not had the benefit of consistent stable parental supervision and he seems unstable in his social adjustment and has reacted aggressively towards his environment. His past behavior seems to indicate a lack of good judgement and insight into his personal problems and he has failed to demonstrate his ability to control himself in a socially acceptable way in relation to himself and his environment. Grossi should be encouraged in the institutional programs that are available which are designed for developing insight in to personal difficulties and developing new attitudes towards human relationships and moral and social values. He states that he owns no property, owes no debts, and when released he expects to continue his occupation as a cartoonist and in the commercial art field, probably in Dallas, Texas. While at the institution he would like to be given the opportunity to further his training in his profession and would like to gain other experiences in the printing field.

RESIDENCE: Dallas, Texas. Grossi was born in New Jersey and has been a transient most of his adult life. He has lived in Dallas since 1949 and this appears to be his legal residence.

USFO: Fort Worth, Texas

- SOURCES:
3. Correspondence from ex-wife.
  6. Correspondence verification.
  7. Residence verification.
  9. U. S. Attorney's report.
  12. Marital verification.
  13. Prior record.
  14. F. B. I. record of arrest.

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March 25, 1953

H.C. JOHNSON/vs.

ADMISSION UNIT REPORT: Attitude toward sentence and confinement seems to be good. He seems to get along well with the other inmates. He was co-operative in this unit. He seems to be fairly well adjusted to institution life. He keeps himself clean and his quarters were usually orderly.

ASSOCIATE WARDEN RECOMMENDS: CLOSE Custody, no transfer.

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VI. MEDICAL

**HISTORY:** This man alleges excellent past health except for recent severe headaches. As a child he was treated for anemia and has had his tonsils removed. There is no history of venereal disease. He classifies himself as able for any type of work.

**PHYSICAL FINDINGS:** This is a normal-appearing, 25 year old, white male, of medium physique, weighing 190 pounds, 70 inches tall. Examination of the heart, lungs, and cardiovascular system is negative. Blood pressure is 122/64. Vision: 20/20. Moderate dryness of the skin. No significant abnormalities to physical examination.

**DENTAL CONDITION:** Poor; needs seventeen extractions, one filling, lower partial and full upper denture.

**LABORATORY:** Urinalysis shows a trace of albumin. Serological test for syphilis, negative.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL:** This rather typical recidivist shows no evidence of mental abnormality. There is no disturbance of affect, thought content, memory, or orientation, and is considered mentally competent. His past history as given by him is negative for narcotic addiction, convulsive disorder, sex deviation, or previous mental hospital commitment. His previous convictions, arrest record, delinquency career, suggest that he should be classified psychiatrically as having a personality disorder of the sociopathic variety. On casual contact his attitude is good and his manner respectful, suggesting a normal adjustment here.

**DIAGNOSES:** Five missing teeth.  
Eleven carious teeth.  
Dental calculus.

**TREATMENT:** Dental rehabilitation.

**WORK:** Suitable for regular duty.

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DR. R. O. SETTLE

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VOCATIONAL

INSTITUTIONAL OCCUPATION: Terre Haute, Ind., 1946-47: Art teacher. El Reno, Okla., 1949-51: Artist, Inmate Pub. Editor.

WORK HISTORY: Grossi claims he worked for about one year as a shipping and sales clerk, also for several years he worked as a free lance cartoonist. He cites but one further instance of employment which was for a period of 6 months for a Photographic Studio in Hollywood, Calif. He plans to follow commercial art work upon release and asks for continued training in this field while here. He is capable of profiting from high grade vocational Training.

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION: Cartoonist.

WORK RECOMMENDATION: Specific maint. Education Dept. as a full time art trainee.

EDUCATIONAL

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Subject claims he attended the public schools of the State of New Jersey, completing the 9th grade at the age of 15. He is interested in Commercial Art.

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS: Given an Inter. Partial Test, Form D, he showed an age equivalent of 15.7 and a grade equivalent of 10.6

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATION: Enroll in Commercial Art and Advanced Arith.

R.R.H.

PSYCHOMETRIC  
Intelligence

RATING  
Superior

TEST  
USPHS

I.Q.  
130

DEV.  
21

SCATTER  
Average

Manipulative Dexterity

Hand....Upper average

Finger...Very fast

Minn. Rate of Manipulation

" " " "

Percentile

58

83

Religion

Episcopalian Non-Member

He states that his parents are of Protestant faith. This young man attended Sunday School in his early youth. He never was confirmed but participated in Episcopal religious services in his early youth. For the past six years this man has not exhibited any interest in his religious duties. His evaluations of the principles of religion appear to be of nominal participation and without significance.

Recommendation

Chapel Attendance

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COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

CUSTODY	CLOSE - Detainer and escape record.
TRANSFER	NONE - His prior record qualifies him for this institution.
SOCIAL PAROLE	Usual Services - He is divorced and has poor family relationships.
MEDICAL	Regular Duty - Needs dental rehabilitation.
PSYCHIATRIC	Negative - No evidence of any mental abnormalities.
EMPLOYMENT	General Maintenance - Clothing Issue - Needed on this assignment. He will be considered for assignment to educational department as an art trainee later on.
EDUCATIONAL	G.E. 10.6 and an I.Q. of 130.
RELIGIOUS	Protestant - Recommend Chapel attendance.

PROGRAM PLANNING: He will be encouraged to participate in institutional programs designed to develop insight into personal difficulties and the development of new attitudes towards social and moral values. He will be encouraged to participate in the vocational program.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name **GROSSI, John Caesar** Reg. No. **69642-1** Date **Dec. 18, 1955**

Released by Conditional Release, Dec. 18, 1955. Supervision ends, Aug. 8, 1956.  
Earned 78 days IGT (Brush Factory). F.B.I. No. 3 967 794.

Detainers Withdrawn:

3-5-53 Sheriff, DeLand, Fla., for Forgery. Withdrawn: 11-2-55.

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This 28 year old white man is completing a 4 year sentence for violation of the National Stolen Property Act and National Vehicle Theft Act. He has been in close custody. A detainer on file against him from the sheriff of DeLand, Florida for a forgery charge was removed November 2, 1955. Grossi has maintained a clear conduct record at the institution since his commitment in February of 1953. He has been working as a clerk in the Brush factory for the past 2 years where he has received entirely satisfactorily work reports as a "stock-room clerk". He signed his release papers to return to Dallas, Texas where he indicate he would live alone and would secure his own employment. At the time of his release he had a total of \$153.90 in his account of which \$106.90 was given to him in cash the balance of \$47.00 being mailed in care of F. Ryder at 305 E. Cason Street, Irving, Texas. Grossi has until August 8, 1956 under Conditional release supervision.

DESTINATION: Dallas, Texas

U S P O: Ft. Worth, Texas

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS.  
PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

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Date April, 1954

Sentence: 4 Years. Offense: Nat'l Stolen Property Act & MVTA. Conditional  
Release Date: 3-5-56 advanced to 3-2-56 by 3 Days IOT Brush Factory as of 12-31-53.

DETAINEES ON FILE:

3-5-53 Sheriff, Deland, Fla. - Forgery.

CO-DEFENDANTS: None.

PROBATION: None.

Grossi is in close custody. He has kept a clear conduct record. He was assigned to the Clothing Issue Department at Admission Classification, April 2, 1953. A few weeks thereafter he was transferred to Employment Placement Division, where he served as a New Era clerk from April 23, until his approval for work in the Brush Factory on November 17, 1953. While serving as the New Era clerk, and in the Clothing Issue Department he received excellent work reports. He had displayed an excellent attitude, was very dependable and reliable, and is a very conscientious workman. Since November he has received average work reports as a ferrule nailer in the Brush Making Department. He is scheduled for a clerical assignment in this industry when a vacancy occurs in the office. In addition to his work assignment he served as an artist and contributor to the New Era. He has a grade equivalent of 10.6 and an I. C. of 130. This man has completed the Industry Safety class during the fall term of 1953.

Grossi waived parole because of the detainer by the Sheriff, Deland, Florida, for Forgery. His father whereabouts are unknown, his mother is remarried and living in Patterson, New Jersey. He has sent her a small money remittance to assist in her support recently. He is divorced, has one small son living with an ex-wife living in [REDACTED]. He is on a 6/75 agreement in the Industries as there are no family needs of any seriousness. He is a Protestant. Grossi has been negligent in his religious duties.

There is no new medical or psychiatric information to add to previous reports.

RESIDENCE: Dallas, Texas.  
U S P O : Fort Worth, Texas.

The record is complete for parole purposes.

3-6-54

AED:mw

PAROLE ACTION: Waiver (April 1954)  
COMMITTEE ACTION: Continue present program.